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THE TRUE
NARRATIVE
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
AT
The Sessions-House
IN THE
OLD-BAYLY



Which began on *Wednesday* the 6th of this Instant *July* 1681. and ended on *Friday* the 8th following.

With an account of what passed in Relation to the Earl of *Shifisbury*, with the Lord *Howard* of *Essex*, and *John Rouse*, &c. and of the Indictment for High-Treason preterred against *Stephen Colledge*, as also the Names of such as are concerned to Dye, Burnt in the Hand, to be Transported and whipped.

John Hull, *James Hull*, and *Hugh Jones*, were all three Indicted for stealing 17 Pieces of Broad Gold, which on the Twentieth of *June* last they picked out of a Gentlewomans Pocket as she was standing in *St. Georges Fields*: So that the Robbery being done in another County, it could be laid as only a Felony in *Middlesex*. But the Circumstances as they appeared in Court were these, she finding her Money gone, went to the Thief takers, and for a promised Reward, got them to bring several Pick-pockets to see if any of them were those she suspected, amongst which the two former were brought, whom she presently remembered to have seen at the time she lost her Gold, and charged them to have taken it, whereupon one of them

conveyed 15 pieces under the Carpet, and then bid her look, perhaps it might be there, which she did and found the 15 pieces, as for the other three they desired her to be silent, and they would make her satisfaction that night. These their Confessions, and the Evidence of one of their Gang, with the corroborating Evidence of the Prosecutors, were such plain proofs that the Jury found the two former Guilty, but as for the latter he being only taken in their Company was acquitted.

Elizabeth Wolf, Ann Smith, and Mary Roly, were Arraigned Indicted and Tried, for stealing about 20 yards of *Indian Silk*, out of the Shop of one *Francis Tryerwood* a Mercer in *Cornhill*, under pretence of coming into his Shop to buy 4 or 5 yards; one of the three the mean while standing purdue, received it of the other two when they came out: but the Silk being missed they were pursued and all three of them taken. Upon their Tryals they strove to shift it off one to another. she that stood without pretending that the other were strangers to her, and that they only hired her to carry it for them, but they being notoriously known to be old Traders, the Jury found them all guilty of the Felony.

One *William Leamer* a Taylor living in *Whitchappel*, was Indicted for Killing *John Charchporch*, a young youth, and lately his Apprentice, by excessive beating. It being Sworn against him that he was used to beat him unmercifully, and the Neighbours many times heard him cry out, but more especially at this time when he received the bruises of which it was supposed he dyed. And another youth that worked in the house attested that he saw the Prisoner tell him to the ground, and afterwards take him by the hands and squelch him against the ground. The Chyrurgions that opened him, likewise affirmed he had a great deal of corrupted Blood and water in his body; but it appearing he lived about Nine weeks after, and was some times pretty well, the Jury brought the Prisoner in Not Guilty.

William Buckle Servant to Esq; B. took his Tryal upon his Indictment for Murthering one *William Chenchit* a Marshalls Bailiffs Follower. The Circumstances according as they were Sworn in Court being thus, The Prisoner riding before his Masters Coach with a pair of Pistols in his Holsters, seeing a man stop the Coach-Horses, but as he said he knew not upon what occasion, charged him to let them go, which he refusing, the Prisoner fired a Pistol, but without doing Execution, and then Riding up to the Coach found the Bailiffs had Seised his Master, so enraged him, that Riding back to him that held the Horses Bride, he delivered another Pistol at him, which forced a Brace of Bullets in at the right side of his Belly five or six Inches, at which he screamed out he was killed, but spcke not after, for in less than half an hour he dyed. The Prisoner pleaded that the Deceased offered to strike him with a gaear stick he had in his hand, which he endeavouring to put by with his Pistol, it went off unawages. But the Evinence being plain and positive he was found guilty of the Murther.

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Samuel Rumny being Indicted for having two Wives, to which he was Lawfully married, he pleaded Guilty to his Indictment, alledging that that Prosecuted him whom he last Married at *Boston* in *New England* had been the occasion of his offending against the Law, by her Le'civious and wicked practises, and that since his being married to her, she had endeavoured to take away his Life by sundry means.

Thomas Gibson and *Robert Hawkson*, two notorious Foot-pads were Indicted, for that they in the Company of one *Richardson* (who confessed the Robbery) and one more, about the 19th of *May* last, set upon one *Edward Betts* near *Newington Butts*, and after they had Barbarously used him, Robbed him of Goods to the value of 12 pound the proof was plain against them, nor could they well deny it, only pleading that they were unadvisedly drawn in, and knew nothing of any Robbery intended, but after the charge given, the Jury found them Guilty.

The Grand Jury for *London* being ordered to attend the Court had this day, being the 8th of *July* (after some Objection made against Three of them by Mr. Attorney General) had a Bill delivered to them containing an Indictment for High Treason against *Stephen Colledge*, which by order of Court was read, in which were contained several treasonable practises by him devised and maintained to destroy the Life of the King, as endeavouring to levy War, and raise rebellious Arms to seize upon His Majesties Person, and him to Depose and Murder, which being read, Mr. Attorney desired that the Witnesses might be Examined in open Court, which was granted, and their names as follows, Mr. *Stephen Dugdale*, Mr. *Bryan Haynes*, Mr. *John Macknamarow*, Mr. *Dennis Macknamarow*, Sir *William Gennings*, and Mr. *Smith* gave Testimony upon Oath, that being in the company of the aforesaid *Stephen Colledge* about the 10th of *March* last, he declared to him that there was a Design on foot to seize the King at *Oxford*, and that himself was to be one concerned in the enterprize, and for that end he had prepared himself not only Weapons but Armour, as Back, Breast, Head, &c. Blunderbuss, Pistols, and the like, which he shewed to the Witness, &c. and declared several other treasonable practices were to be promoted, to which all the Witnesses accorded in point of Evidence, so that the Indictment being presented to the Grand Jury of *London*, They after four hours consult, and Examining the Witnesses overagain in private returned it *Ignoramus*.

Wednesday being the first day of the Sessions, the Earl of *Shattsbury*, my Lord *Howard* of *Eisbrick*, *Stephen Colledge*, *John Rouse*, and *William Herbertington*, the first being Committed to the Tower of *London*, and the last to *Newgate*,

gate, for High Treason: put up their Petitions to the Court either to be Proceeded against or Bailed according to the Act, *For Securing the Liberty of the Subject*. And at the Closing of the Sessions their Counsel moved it to the Court, but it was all the Judges Opinion that they could not Bail those in the Tower, that not being comprehended within the Commission *Oyer and Terminer*: But as for the last, *viz. Hetherington*, he being in *Newgate* Bail was ordered to be taken for him.

Thomas Crok was Indicted for stealing a Silver Tankard, 1 Coar, 2 Perukes, a Cloak, and 13 ponnbs in Mony from one Mr. *Smith* in *Broadstreet* on the 13th of *December* last, one of the Perukes being taken upon his head, and sufficient proof made against him he was found Guilty.

John King was likewise found Guilty for picking the pocket of one Mr. *Prichet* in *St Martins Church*, the mony being taken upon him ere he could escape.

John Plat was Indicted and Tryed for breaking into the House of *James Holms* living in the Parish of *Hornsey*, and taking thence in Plate, Cloths and monys to the worth of 50*l*. the Witnesses Swore point Blanck against him, and though he made several slight Excuses he was found Guilty.

At this most remarkable Sessions were 9 persons that received Sentence of Death. 6 men and 3 Women, *viz. John King, John Plat, Will. Buckley, Will. Richardson, Tho. Gibson, and Robert Hawkson, Mary Roly, Ann Smith, and Eliz. Wolf.* 3 to be Transported, 4 burnt in the hand, and 3 to be whipped, and it concluded.

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